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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR CORONATION DELEGATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR US DELEGATION  
TO CORONATION.

2. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1500 ARRIVAL BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT

1530 DEPART AIRPORT BY AUTOMOBILES TO HOTELS

1900 INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER AT RESIDENCE FOR  
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AND SELECTED MEMBERS  
OF MISSION STAFF.

3. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1000 INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE ARRANGED BY

LOCAL CLERGY IN KATHMANDU TO WHICH DELEGATION IS

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CORDIALLY INVITED. FOR THOSE DELEGATION MEMBERS

SO DESIRING, EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
TO TAKE THEM ON A SHORT SIGHTSEEING TRIP IN  
KATHMANDU (HANUMAN DHOKA AREA, SWAYAMBHU, ETC.)

1100 DEPART HOTELS BY CAR FOR VISIT TO BHAKTAPUR

1230 LEAVE BHAKTAPUR BY CAR TO NEARBY AREA OVERLOOKING  
HIMALAYAS FOR INFORMAL PICNIC. WE WOULD ALSO  
INVITE A NUMBER OF OLDTIME RESIDENTS OF KATHMANDU,  
E.G. FATHER MORAN, BORIS LISSANOVITCH.

1500-1530 RETURN TO HOTEL

1630-1830 RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE

1930-2200 CULTURAL PROGRAM AT ROYAL ACADEMY

4. MONDYA, FEBRUARY 24

0715 MR. AND MRS. BUCHEN DEPART HOTEL SOALTEE BY CAR  
FOR HANUMAN DHOKA

0800-0930 CORONATION CEREMONY AT HANUMAN DHOKA

NOTE: FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION EMBASSY OFFICERS  
WILL BE AVAILABE TO TAKE THEM ON A TOUR OF PATAN OR OTHER  
ALTERNATIVE SIGHTS IN OR NEAR THE CITY (PASHUPATINATH,  
BODNATH)

1145 INFORMAL OPEN HOUSE AT RESIDENCE. BUFFET LUNCH  
FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, TO WHICH AMERICAN  
PRIVATELY INVITED BY THE KING TO THE CORONATION  
WILL ALSO BE INVITED.

1430-1630 ROYAL PROCESSION AND RECEPTION OF FOREIGN  
DIGNITARIES AT TUNDIKHEL.

2000-2200 DINNER AT PALACE.

5. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
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0830-0930 PROTOCOL IS MAKING TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE HEADS  
OF DELEGATION TO TAKE PART IN A TREE PLANTING  
CEREMONY AT TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY.

0900 FORMAL OPENING OF NEW US CHANCERY. WE HOPE THAT  
MR. BUCHEN AND AMBASSADOR LAISE AND OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE DELEGATION WHO SO WISH WOULD TAKE PART IN

A BRIEF CEREMONY TO OPEN THE NEW CHANCERY. RESIDENTS OF US COMMUNITY IN KATHMANDU WOULD BE INVITED.

0945-1115 SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, ACCOMPANIED AS DESIRED BY MISSION OFFICERS OR WIVES.

1200-1400 PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCHEON AT MFA.

1600-1730 OPENING OF NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT EXHIBITION GROUNDS IN KATHMANDU.

1900-2030 FAREWELL RECEPTION AT ROYAL PALACE.

2030-2300 DINNER AT YAK AND YETI TO WHICH DELEGATION MEMBERS AND IMPORTANT NEPALESE OFFICIALS WITH STRONG TIES TO US WOULD BE INVITED. MR AND MRS. BUCHEN MAY WISH TO HOST THIS DINNER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CARGO WOULD BE PREPARED DO SO.

6. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1000 DEPARTURE FROM KATHMANDU

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF ABOVE SCHEDULE IS SATISFACTORY OR LET US HAVE ANY DESIRED MODIFICATIONS. CARGO UNQUOTE MAW

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